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Who's Who In California Numismatics

THELMA M. CASE

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

After reading a popular book of the time, my father decided that if I were a girl, I should be named "Thelma". To appease my two grandmothers, "Marietta" was added. I was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Earl and Loretta Reber. I have one brother and two sisters, all younger.

I attended school in a little "white" schoolhouse called "Cottonwood", where all eight grades were taught. Attendance ranged between seven and 15 pupils. As my family lived on a farm, I joined a car pool to drive to high school in Springhill, Kans., traveling 18 miles each day.

In 1934 I met Thomas R. Case in Kansas City, Kans. We were married in Los Angeles, Sept. 21, 1936, on the 20th anniversary of my parents' marriage.

The numismatic "bug" bit me in 1948. From that time on, I have been one of the "lost souls". I first became interested in coin collecting through some of my friends. In October, 1948, I attended my first CSNA convention, in Santa Monica, where I now live.

The beautiful displays, comradeship, and mutual enjoyment of the collectors at that convention made me want to become one of them. I am proud to have had as my sponsor Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario.

My main interest was, and still is, United States coins, although I recently have completed the British coronation sets in proof. I haven't won any awards as yet, but perhaps sometime I shall bribe the judges enough to do so!

I am a member of the Bay Cities



Coin Club (69), The Phoenix Coin Club, the San Diego Numismatic Society (253), the California State Numismatic Association (337), and just recently have become a life member of the American Numismatic Association (260).

I have been fortunate enough since becoming a collector to attend several CSNA and ANA conventions, during which I have enjoyed working on several committees, among them entertainment, proxy, and election.

Other activities, outside my home and gardening, include volunteer work for the American Red Cross. During World War II, I was chairman of a surgical dressing class. When this group no longer was needed, I joined the canteen group. We visit Army hospitals and camps and work with the blood bank program. For this work I have received several citations, one from our national headquarters, signed by President Harry S. Truman.

My original reasons for desiring to become a numismatist have remained with me. I enjoy the study of coins, particularly their history and contributions to art and education. Above all, I enjoy the fellowship of the many friends I have collected along the way.

An Odd Japanese Rarity

By YASUO SEKINE, Tokyo, Japan
CSNA No. 594

In Japan, contrary to the general Western concept of a coin's gaining status with increased rarity only if the type once was an ordinary circulating coin, the famous regular issue rarities and obscure experiments of like rarity, possess equal value. This, in Western terms, means that a coin, such as the 1839 Gobrecht dollar, would be equal in value to an 1804 dollar, because the rarity is about equal.

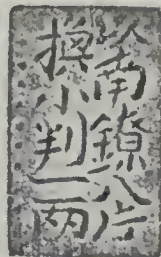
While to Americans it is almost exclusively pieces once belonging to the realm of everyday coinage which become generally very valuable if they are generally very rare, to Japanese numismatists an essay coin representing bygone dreams and unfruitful or abortive plans (of ideas and ideals too noble or ignoble for general circulation—a coin patterned with undesired effectiveness or ineffectiveness) has a dignity and value equal to the coinage carried through, for sometimes it was the regular issues which were the mistakes, and not the unadopted patterns.

Illustrated is one such "famous obscurity", a pattern silver rectangular piece made at the Ginza Mint, located in the center of Yedo (Tokyo). The word "Ginza" means "locality of silver coinage authority", and curiously enough, it is the name

NAN RYO NI SHU GIN

(Nan-Ryo Two Shu Silver)

Presented to the Emperor Ninko;
not put into circulation.



(from a rubbing)

Meiwa Period, 1772-1824
27 x 22 mm., thickness 2 mm.
Weight 10 grams; fineness .978
Extremely rare.
Coin actual size.

which has been appropriated to dub the street which is now the "gay white way" of Tokyo. In New York the "main" street is a "broad way". In Tokyo, it is a "locale of silver coinage privilege", which nomenclature shows a sample of Japanese name-flavoring.

Minted in the Meiwa period, 1772-1824 A.D., this piece bears in the upper section of its obverse the Imperial Chrysanthemum, which in this case denotes that it was a specimen made for presentation to the emperor of Japan. The two characters below are "Gin Za", indicating place of mintage and supplying seal of authority. (The regular Nanryo two-shu silver piece bears "Bundo" and the character "Jo", meaning "inspected and allowed to be issued"). The crenulation consists of spaced dots. The edge is plain, while the 10 reverse characters mean "With eight pieces, one gold koban is to be converted".

This piece, then, had definite value and weight, just as did the Meiwa five-momme silver piece of 1765 A.D., the first definitely valued Japanese coin. Before 1765 A.D., the Japanese people used the ehogin and mame-itagin (silver beans) by weight.

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Registration Hits New High at Riverside

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As Do Setting, Entertainment, and Plain and Fancy Comedy

Registration as well as banquet and luncheon attendance records fell at the 15th semi-annual CSNA convention at Riverside, Oct. 7-10.

Registration totaled 232. The Saturday Banquet was attended by 250 persons; the Sunday Luncheon by 150.

Setting was the Mission Inn, a place which is "out of this world", judging from comments received by the editor. One reporter said only about one person out of 10 present had been there before, and the reaction was that the convention will be remembered, not so much for what took place there, but because of the place in which it was held.

The place itself was a constant source of interest. Another reporter stated that this convention proves again that the best convention is held in a place where people stay at the hotel instead of spending half their time running about town. Still another acclaimed it a very fine convention principally for two reasons, the place, and the efficient management of Herb Bergen and his committees.

By Thursday night, 110 persons had registered. By 2 p.m. Friday, the total had increased to 160.

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

This colorful Friday noon event was held at poolside in the patio, with a Spanish stringed orchestra playing background music. Models from Avants passed back and forth through the audience, displaying the latest in fashions. It was noted that a goodly number of the men occupied chairs at various vantage points in the patio and watched proceedings. They probably were greatly disappointed because no swimsuits were modeled.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Tours through the Inn proved popular.

Seventy youngsters from Riverside Junior High School were addressed by Dr. Nathan A. Bowers, CSNA president, then were conducted on tours through the exhibits room by Adolph Larson.

NUMISMATIC FORUM

Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, chairman, presented four speakers at the Friday evening forum. L. C. Panosh spoke on "Coins of Chivalry" (Grand Masters of Rhodes and Malta); Don Sherer, on "Common Sense in Coin Collecting"; Charles L. Ruby, "Why I Collect Large Cents"; and Ralph Mitchell, "My Coin Collection".

The Bells of St. Mitchell were set to go off at 9 p.m., when Ralph Mitchell was scheduled to begin speaking. This timing of the Inn's bells was riotous in its effects. The 60 persons present declared the forum a "howling success" and the best yet from the standpoint of entertainment.

CLUB OFFICERS' BREAKFAST

The Saturday morning breakfast provided a forum for exchange of ideas and outlined procedure for making such meetings important features of future conventions. Of the 25 present, representing 13 organizations, four were club presidents: John C. Yribarne, San Bernardino County Coin Club; Gil Eaton, East Bay Coin Club, Oakland; W. R. Fanning, Los Angeles Coin Club; and Harry S. Davidson, Orange County Coin Club.

Other officers present, by clubs, were **San Diego Numismatic Society** — Leonel C. Panosh and Mrs. Anna Merle Panosh; **San Bernardino County Coin Club** — John C. Yribarne, Charles G. Colver and Herbert Feinberg; **Central States Numismatic Society** — Earl C. Brown; **East Bay Coin Club** — Gil Eaton and R. G. McArthur; **California State Numismatic Assn.** — Dr. N. A. Bowers, R. G. McArthur, R. A. Mitchell, Herb Bergen, and Dr. Calvert L. Emmons; **Los Angeles Coin Club** — William H. Spence and W. R. Fanning; **Orange County Coin Club** — John Haldiman, Dr. C. L. Emmons, Winn Osborne, Lowell D. Wood, Joseph J. Courreges, J. H. Robinson, Herb Bergen, and Harry S. Davidson; **San Bernardino County Coin Club** — Charles G. Colver, Dr. C. L. Emmons, and Herbert Feinberg; **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**, San Francisco

— Roy Hill; **Oregon Numismatic Society** — William N. Worth; **Phoenix Coin Club** — Kenneth Cook and Don Sherer; **Seattle Coin Club** — Mrs. Gene DeNise; **Evergreen Coin Club** — Mrs. Gene DeNise.

AQUACADE LUNCHEON

Saturday noon, a capacity audience, 120 at the poolside tables having luncheon and at least that many more outside the luncheon area, saw the aquacade event. Ballet swimmers, professionals, were followed by girl and boy divers in a very fine exhibition from the high board. Both are top-ranking AAU divers, the girl, Pat McCormick, being Olympic champion in 1952.

Ron Taylor, Riverside, recently crowned as girl synchronized swimming champion, was next with her specialty. The show was concluded with an uproarious exhibition by two men who clowned all over the diving platform and into the water fully-clothed. The four numbers by nine participants were all top-notchers.

SATURDAY BANQUET

E. V. Dales, mayor of Riverside, made a brief address of welcome.

Herb Bergen was in charge of the program which followed, assisted by Dr. C. Glenn Curtis. Howard Robinson, master of ceremonies, presented the program, which consisted of two parts, a double male quartet which had won national championship honors and a "Brazilian diplomat" who proved to be "Push-'Em-Up-Tony" of radio and TV fame.

"Tony" fooled just about everyone for a little while, some for a long time, and a few until the very end. His accent, difficulty with the English language and idioms, and his stories of experiences while in this country, kept the audience literally convulsed with laughter.

The double quartet was a Santa Ana, Orange County, singing group.

AUCTION

New highs were established at well-attended auction sessions Friday and Saturday when 1342 lots were sold. Mail bids on additional lots brought the total for the sale to 2617 lots. Leo Young and Earl A. Parker were auctioneers. Correspondence concerning consignments for the CSNA spring auction in Berkeley should be addressed to Leo A. Young, P.O. Box 115, Lockeford, Calif.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Board of Directors accepted the invitation of the San Diego Numismatic Society to hold the fall CSNA convention in that city, the convention date to be after Nov. 10.

The appointment of William H. Connell, Oakland, as Assistant Editor of **Calcoin News** was approved.

Auction contract for the spring convention in Berkeley was awarded to Leo Young.

SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Award of the "Corn" trophy to Earl A. Parker, San Francisco, was the highlight of the Sunday luncheon. Awards for exhibits, guessing contests, and door prizes also were made at the luncheon.

The "Corn" trophy was awarded for the third time, having been presented to Dr. C. Glenn Curtis at the Merced and to Ralph Mitchell at the San Francisco conventions. The original "corn can" has been all dressed up, with gilt, names of winners, flashing lights, etc. It is awarded at each convention to the "corniest" person, as a result of speech, actions, or what have you.

Short speeches and introductions were made at the luncheon.

EXHIBITS AND AWARDS

Thirty-four displays by 26 exhibitors presented a wide variety of material. The central portion of the large second-floor display room was filled with displays. Bourse display tables of 24 dealers encircled the exhibits on three sides in a long, narrow galleria, concentrating all numismatic attractions in one place. High-ceilinged walls were hung with beautiful paintings. Lighting was very good.

Exhibit awards, announced at the Saturday banquet, were presented at the Sunday luncheon. Winners were:

Class A (United States) — First, Charles L. Ruby; second, H. L. Davidson; third, Clifton C. Cole.

Class B (Ancients) — First, Earl C. Brown; second, T. W. Ward; third, M. P. Carey.

Class C (400-1500 A.D.) — No awards.

Class D (Coins of more than one country) — First, John E. Ohls; second, Erich Werling.

Class E (Specialized collections) — First, Bryan Burke Jr.; second, Mil-

ton C. Strauch; third, Mrs. D. Dee DeNise.

Class F (Paper money) — No first award; second, Charles L. Ruby; third, John Stoppelworth.

Class G (Medals and decorations) — First, Mrs. D. Dee DeNise; second, Mrs. Anna Merle Panosh.

Class H (Junior and novice) — No awards.

Class I (Unlisted classifications) — First, A. L. MacDonald; second, J. C. Haldiman Jr.; third, Roy Hill.

Awards were placed on the exhibits just before the banquet was served. The Awards Committee was composed of Ken P. Allen, chairman; Dr. Ray Wilson and Fred Draper.

DEALERS' BOURSE

Dealers who cooperated with the CSNA by taking bourse space were Overton Coin Co., Pueblo, Colo.; Al Crites, W. Sacramento; Hollinbeck Coin Co., Des Moines, Ia.; George A. Lefler, Temple City; East Bay Coin Shop, Oakland; F. K. Saab, St. Louis, Mo.; Del Bassetti, San Luis Obispo; Norman Schultz, Salt Lake City, Utah; Johnston Coin Exchange, San Diego; Bob Cahall, Taft; Wittlin's, Carmel.

William J. Sexton, Santa Maria; Charles V. Jones, Los Angeles; Beverly Hills Coin and Stamp Shop; Karl Brainard, Santa Monica; Ed Fish, Knott's Berry Farm; Abe Kosoff, Encino; Irving Knickerbocker, San Diego; Edward Gans, Berkeley; Eureka Coin Shop, San Francisco; Abner Kreisberg, Beverly Hills; Kenneth W. Lee, Glendale; Earl A. Parker, San Francisco; and Leo Young, Lockeford.

OUT-OF-STATERS

An incomplete list of persons in attendance from out of state includes Mrs. Gene DeNise, ANA librarian, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. William N. Worth, Portland; Norman Schultz, Salt Lake City; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sheldon, Chicago; Earl Brown, Chicago; Art Kagin, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allec, Phoenix; Mr. and Mrs. Al Overton, Pueblo; Kenneth Cook, Phoenix; Don Sherer, Phoenix; and F. K. Saab, St. Louis.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The above account of the convention is a composite of information contained in about 10 letters to the editor

from several persons in attendance, chief contributors being Leonel C. Panosh, Dr. Nathan A. Bowers, Thomas W. Ward, Herb Bergen, and Roy Hill. —C. V. Kappen.

Cutlines

SEE PICTURES, PAGES 10 AND 11

- 1—Avants fashion models.
- 2—Forum. Ralph Mitchell, speaker; Dr. C. Glenn Curtis.
- 3—Aquacade luncheon guests. David Redfields at left, Abe Kosoffs at right.
- 4—Corn trophy is awarded Earl A. Parker.
- 5—Harry Davidson, extreme left, and Herb Bergen, extreme right, with aquacade stars. Pat McCormick to left of Bergen.
- 6—Display and bourse room.
- 7—Models and Spanish musicians at fashion show.
- 8—Herb Bergen views displays with Pat McCormick and Garry Tobian, star divers in aquacade show.
- 9—Herb Bergen presides at award luncheon.
- 10—"Dr. Jose Fernando Triago of Brazil" presents "Curious Concrete Coins from Lost Continent of Atlantis" to his old friend, Dr. C. Glenn Curtis.
- 11—Youthful group at auction display cases.
- 12—Banquet, speakers' table. Left to right: "Dr. Jose Fernando Triago"; Herb Bergen, convention general chairman; Mrs. Bergen; Mrs. E. V. Dales; and Mayor E. V. Dales of Riverside.
- 13—Free riders in box seats at aquacade show.
- 14—Ladies' card party.
- 15—Auction. Earl A. Parker, Leo Young, Young son, and Mrs. Young.
- 16—Bidders at the auction.
- 17—Pat McCormick, Olympic champion, in dive.
- 18—Onlookers Roy Hill and Earl Parker at coin display table.
- 19—Club officers' breakfast.
- 20—Dr. N. A. Bowers, CSNA president, addresses group of boys from Riverside Junior High School before tour through display room. Adolph Larson, left foreground, is tour conductor.
- 21—Group at aquacade table: Dave Redfield, Ralph Mitchell, Herb Bergen, Mrs. Ralph Mitchell and sons.
- 22—Registration desk. Lowell Wood, Mrs. Harry Davidson, Robert G. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sheldon.
- 23—Spanish musicians at fashion show luncheon.

Photography by Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Brea.

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Descriptions by Thomas W. Ward, *Fallbrook*

- BOLENDER, M. H.:** U.S. patterns; essays and proofs of fractional currency, all from the Farouk collection.
- BROWN, Earl C.:** Series of ancient Greek silver, showing all types.
- BURKE, Bryan, Jr.:** "History and People" — coins illustrating important persons and historical events, accompanied by pictures.
- CAREY, Michael P.:** "Emperors of Rome" — portraits of Emperors from Augustus to Arcadius.
- COLE, Clifton C.:** U.S. commemorative coins.
- COLVER, Charles C.:** U.S. proofs; U.S. gold in all denominations; U.S. commemoratives; Canadian and Mexican gold.
- CURTIS, Dr. C. Glenn:** Greek, Roman, and Byzantine silver and gold; Roman aes grave (large cast bronzes); ancient Chinese paper money; Swedish plate money; odd and unusual media of exchange.
- DAVIDSON, Harry S.:** U.S. gold type set.
- DeNISE, Mrs. Gene:** Foreign orders and decorations, especially those of Portugal and Brazil, but including many other countries as well; 20 varieties of the Lady Godiva token.
- EASTMAN, D. M.:** Greek and Roman silver and bronze, accompanied by explanations relating them to history and economics.
- HALDIMAN, J. C. Jr.:** A great variety of odd and curious money in various materials and shapes; Indian wampum.
- HARBECK, Dr. Charles:** Historical ancients.
- HILL, Roy:** Greek coins; coins of Ceylon, Malaya, Greenland, and Finland; Hawaiian silver; encased postage stamps and stamps of Latvia printed on unused paper money; wooden "nickels".
- HILL, T. Kirk:** U.S. commemorative gold; gold \$3 pieces 1854-1889.
- KAGIN, Paul:** Large series of rare silver bars; territorial bank notes and Nevada silver ingot notes; Oakland Gold Bank \$10 note; Federal Reserve note, \$2 on obverse and \$1 on reverse; gold bars, including the unique Blake & Agnell \$23; McKinley dollars in nickel and Panama Pacific dollars in white metal.
- MacDONALD, Atwood:** U.S. commemorative gold; uncut sheets of \$1, \$5 and \$10 silver certificates; large series of types of transportation tokens in various styles, shapes, designs and materials.
- NIELSEN, Thomas W.:** Type set of U.S. gold.
- OHLS, John E.:** Commemorative crowns of the 20th century; proof crowns; display illustrating debasement of silver coins.
- PANOSH, Mrs. Anna Merle:** Foreign orders and decorations, chiefly European and Asiatic; U.S. military medals including a Congressional Medal of Honor.
- RUBY, Charles L.:** Large cents including many rarities, among them the excessively rare 1793 Crosby 9I and one of the finest known specimens of 1793 8F; Barber and Mercury dimes; Liberty nickels.
- SAAB, F. K.:** Private and pioneer gold, including the unique Kellogg \$50 proof; U.S. patterns including 1879 5-Stella, both in copper and gold; commemorative silver and gold; large paper money.
- SHELDON, M. Vernon:** Maundy purse of King George VI in his 55th year, with the 22 coins it contained.
- STOPPELWORTH, John:** Continental currency and broken bank bills, including denominations of \$1.25, \$3 and \$4; nickels; standing Liberty quarters.
- STRAUCH, Milton C.:** Coins of Czechoslovakia.
- WARD, Thomas W.:** Some historical coins of the Roman Empire.
- WERLING, Erich:** Coins of Panama, including Spanish pieces used there prior to the country's independence.

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

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567	LEVENTHAL, Mike.....	13947 Hartsook, Sherman Oaks, Calif.
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115	MORRIS, William E.	36 La Porte St., Arcadia, Calif.

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530	SMEDLEY, Glenn B.	7644 Essex Ave., Chicago 49, Ill.
586	STOLPER, Howard L.	900 N. Bel Aire Dr., Burbank, Calif.
589	WEST, John Amos.....	830 Rockdale Dr., San Francisco 27, Calif.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on hand Aug. 15, 1954.....		\$464.52
Receipts: 1954 dues	\$ 34.00	
1955 dues	2.00	
Repayment of loan	63.75	\$ 99.75
Total Receipts		\$564.27
Disbursements: Postage and supplies	\$ 12.68	
Calcoin News	187.78	
Convention (Riverside)	3.88	\$204.34
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1954.....		\$359.93

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Aug. 15, 1954	387
Additions: New members	7
Total	394
Losses: Resigned	1
Dceased	2
Suspended	1
Net membership Oct. 1, 1954.....	390

R. G. McARTHUR, Secretary

Seaboard Finance Co. Illustrates Annual Report With Coins

The Seaboard Finance Co., Los Angeles, in its "Annual Report 1953", has illustrated its 24 pages and covers with interesting coins of the world.

Among moneys pictured are continental currency, Swedish plate money, the aes grave of Rome, the Aegina "turtle" coin, the decadrachm of Syracuse, gold daric of Persia, oetadrachm of Egypt's Arsinoe II, tetradrachm of Alexander the Great, shekel of Israel, Judea Capta piece, tribute penny, cowrie shell, Levant thaler, Siam bullet, two-bit piece, pinetree shilling, piece-of-eight, Chinese knife money, Bryan money, encased postage, Hard Times token, United Nations ducaton, U.S. coins of various denominations, and others.

To quote the Annual Report: "Money has been a useful device since civilization began. It came into being so that a man could make something in one place and sell it in another, for something he could use anyplace. This led to trade, and finally to world trade, which necessitated and gave impetus to the science of navigation, a by-product of which was the exploration of the earth. Because of the existence of money, economic specialization — by individual, by industry, or by nation — is possible.

"During the world's history, literally thousands of different kinds of money have been used. Scattered throughout the pages of this report are a few of the coins we consider most interesting, either intrinsically, or because of some circumstance attendant to their coinage or use."

Brett Sworn In As Mint Director

William H. Brett, Alliance Ohio, became Director of the Mint July 10, when he was formally sworn in to that office. Brett was a metal stamping manufacturer.

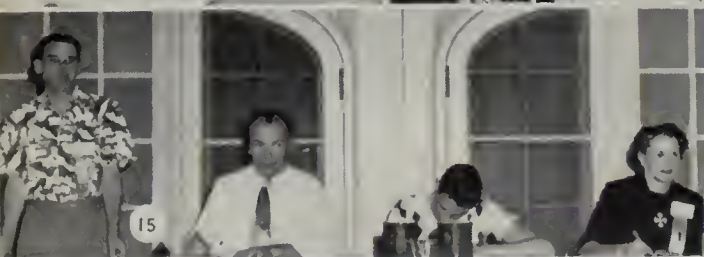
The American Indian has appeared on six of our commemorative coins.

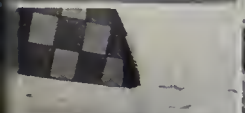
ANA Convention

By L. C. PANOSH

Registration, well over 600, broke convention record. . . . Big bourse, 56 dealers' tables included two from England, one from Mexico, and one or two from Canada. . . . General Chairman A. J. Croshier had all details at his fingertips at all times. . . . Large display room was filled with excellent exhibits, with plaques awarded to winners. . . . Best-in-show went to Orders and Medals Society of New York for a magnificent display of Grand Crosses. . . . All convention activities were on mezzanine floor except auction and banquet. . . . Weather was good on the whole . . . one warm day and the rest cooler after a good rain. . . . Even had a first-class burglary. . . . Several important changes at business meetings: First, elimination of proxies; second, change in by-laws to provide for election of officers to a two-year term instead of for one year. . . . Strictly an economy measure, since it cost about \$1000 a year, with the off-year strictly a formality as has been demonstrated over the past 20 years. . . . Proxies, of course, have not been used for many years. . . . Heath Literary Awards committee for 1954-55 to be headed by Dr. Nate Bowers. . . . Convention sites for the next three years: Omaha, 1955; Chicago, 1956; and Philadelphia, 1957. . . . Seattle is in line for a convention soon thereafter. . . . Annual reports showed gain in membership for the year of nearly 1000, and we should have 10,000 members by the end of next year. . . . California delegation included the Karl Brainards, Abe Kosoffs, Earl Parker, William H. Smith, Charley Ruby, Ed Fogler, John Skubis, L. C. Panoshes and possibly others. . . . Officers elected: Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, president; Leonel C. Panosh, first vice-president; Col. James W. Curtis, second vice-president; Lewis M. Reagan, general secretary; Harold R. Klein, treasurer. Board of governors: Capt. Oscar H. Dodson, Mrs. June T. Pond, Glenn B. Smedley, Don Sherrer, and C. C. Shroyer.

George Washington was the first president to appear on a U.S. coin, the Washington-Lafayette silver dollar of 1900.





Foreign Commemorative Coins

By JOHN E. OHLS, *San Francisco*

When I first decided to collect only commemorative coins, I realized I would have to make my own reference list. So, I carefully listed any and all 19th and 20th Century pieces I came upon in a small three-ring binder, alphabetically by country. Soon I found that binder too small, so I proceeded to re-do it, and this time I separated the 19th and 20th Century pieces and again carefully listed the 20th Century pieces.

Soon I found even this inadequate and I had to split up the 20th Century into two large binders. While I believe I now have the listing complete, much relative information still has to be added.

The 19th Century pieces are still waiting to be listed.

Of the 20th Century commemoratives which I have listed to date, there are more than 500 pieces from more than 50 countries.

One can't be interested in U.S. commemoratives to any great extent without soon getting interested in foreign commemoratives. One reason is that there are three countries which have issued commemorative coins that tie in directly with our own.

In 1892, Colombia, a small South American country, issued a silver 50-centavos coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. Obverse, portrait of Columbus; Reverse, Arms. This portrait differs somewhat from our own Columbian half dollar.

In 1938, Sweden issued a 2-kronor piece to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the first Swedes in what is now Delaware. Obverse, portrait of Gustavus V, king of Sweden at the time of issue; Reverse, Swedish ship with a crown above.

The Philippines issued two commemoratives, 1-peso and 50-centavos pieces, honoring our own General Douglas MacArthur, who did much to drive the invading Japanese out of the Islands. Obverse, portrait of MacArthur to right; Reverse, Arms. Three pieces, 2-pesos and a 50-centavos dated 1936 and commemorating

the establishment of the Commonwealth in 1935, also should be included.

With these added to his U.S. commemoratives, the collector now has a good start toward a collection of commemorative coins of the world.

There are many things to recommend them.

SIZES — They come in all sizes, from the smallest conceivable gold coin to the largest silver piece imaginable. They run the gamut of coin sizes in most any millimeter one can name.

METALS — They come in almost any coinage medium one could ask for — gold, silver, nickel, bronze, brass, aluminum, aluminum-bronze, copper-nickel, nickel-bronze, cupro-nickel, copper, pewter, iron, and even wood and porcelain.

CONDITION — Many come in a brilliant proof condition, some in a matt proof; but most come uncirculated. To me a worn coin loses much of its beauty, and some of these pieces are done in such low relief that the least wear makes details undiscernible.

COST — These coins are not expensive, generally speaking. While they are normally of smaller issue than the regular coinage, even when sold at a premium they are not too costly. Particular collectors who choose to collect the choice proofs naturally will find these somewhat scarcer pieces more expensive, but not prohibitively so.

RARITIES — Of the 20th Century pieces there are very few of these. The \$50 gold pieces of the Panama-Pacific Exposition are the most expensive, currently selling for about \$800 to \$900 each.

A 100-perpera gold piece of Montenegro, 1910, is catalogued at \$500 and a Bulgaria 100-leva gold piece, 1912, at \$300. Both of these last two are about \$20 gold size.

There is a 3-mark silver piece of Saxony which catalogues at \$350; and one of Bavaria at \$300. A 1-ruble piece of Russia, 1914, will go well over \$100. A few of the scarce

pieces sell from \$50 up. This is only about 1% of rare pieces.

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS —

This is unquestionably the most interesting thing about commemoratives, and without it they would not be commemorative. This is what puts the story behind the coin and also has much to do with its design.

It goes without saying that more than 90% of these pieces are issued for an anniversary of one kind or another, and so are sometimes too casually overlooked for their particular stories.

The 200th anniversary of a birth or death or the 25th or 50th wedding anniversary are the ones that are most common.

There are some commemoratives whose commemorative event often is misconstrued or at least misquoted. For instance, our own Columbian half dollar often is spoken of as commemorating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, to say nothing of the fact that the ship on the reverse often is referred to as a caravel, which it is not.

The 5- and 10-ducats of Czechoslovakia of a date other than 1929 are not commemorative, no more than is the 50-pesos of Mexico dated 1931 or any date other than 1921. This applies also to the Booker T. Washington and the Carver half-dollars and others.

Let us look for a moment at some of the more interesting events commemorated by coins:

AUSTRALIA 1927 — A silver florin commemorating the opening of Parliament. This innocent-sounding statement fails to reveal any part of the real story behind this piece. Suffice it to say that from out of a hillside where once there were only rocks and sand, arose the beautiful city of Canberra, built to be the national capital.

CHINA — The automobile dollar. A Chinese warlord bought an automobile and then had roads built to accommodate it. Later, while defending his province against enemies, he preceded his troops in his automobile. Unfortunately, he preceded his troops too far and was captured and killed by the enemy. This coin commemorates the completion of the provincial highways.

GERMANY 1930 — 5- and 3-marks

silver commemorate the world flight by the great Graf Zeppelin in 1929.

MONTENEGRO 1910 — 100-perpera gold and 20- and 10-perpera gold commemorate three events — 50 years as a kingdom, 50 years of the reign, and the 50th wedding anniversary of the King and Queen.

NEW ZEALAND 1949 — Was to have been for the visit of the King and Queen to that country. Illness prevented this, but eventually the piece was released. Technically, it commemorates an event which never took place.

So much for modern commemoratives . . .

A gold ducat was issued by Maria Theresa of Austria in 1767 to commemorate her recovery from small-pox.

In 1701, an aloe, a plant which had been introduced into Germany a few years previously, blossomed for the first time and in commemoration thereof the Dukes Rudolph August and Anton Ulrich of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel struck a taler. The coin has on one side the figure of the plant in bloom with an appropriate inscription.

Ancient coins, too, include interesting commemoratives, two of which I will mention here.

If you think the sales tax is a modern nuisance, guess again, for it was in good working order as early as the 1st Century B.C. In A.D. 39, the Emperor Caligula, in one of his better moods, had it abolished and commemorated the occasion by issuing a small bronze coin bearing his name and the letters RCC, meaning in Roman, "Remissa Ducentisma", or in English, "Remission of the 200th", which is about equal to one-half cent on the dollar.

Tyre was a famous seaport of Phoenicia and is now a city of French Lebanon. It was famous for its rich purple dye. One day on the beach at Tyre a dog playfully bit a murex shell to pieces. The juice colored his lips purple. His master took the hint. The murex was collected in millions of bushels, ground up and utilized. This rich purple dye of Tyre became an object of prime commercial importance. To commemorate the fact and to give due credit to the dog, coins were struck portraying the dog and the shell and the word "Turi-

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California Club News, Views, and Whos

CLUB SECRETARIES:

William H. "Bill" Connell has joined the staff of *Calcoin News* as Assistant Editor. Hereafter, all club reports should be mailed to Editor W. H. Connell, 2009 86th Ave., Oakland 21, Calif. Among the new editor's duties will be responsibility for the club section. Editor Connell requests that all local club secretaries send him lists of club members for use in checking name spellings, in addition to places, dates, and times of club meetings. He also will appreciate receiving names and addresses of new club officers, particularly secretaries, immediately following December elections. Deadline for receipt of material for the January issue will be Dec. 6.

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EAST BAY COIN CLUB, Oakland. Program for Sept. 10 consisted of a "Coin Bee", which was won by Al



Smith. President Gilbert D. Eaton welcomed 49 members and seven guests to the meeting in Jenny Lind Hall. Three new members received membership

cards. An application for membership was received from John J. Boyle, 760 59th St., Oakland.

This was the last meeting in Jenny Lind Hall. Beginning in October, club meetings will be held in the Emerald Room of the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, our new permanent meeting place.

Chairman Walt Ritchie spoke briefly of plans for the "Coinival" to be held Oct. 3. Thelma Fieberling reported on plans for refreshments, and Ed Fogler, for the auction.

Dr. Nathan Bowers, CSNA president, and Robert G. McArthur, CSNA secretary, spoke briefly of the Riverside convention, emphasizing the enthusiasm of the host club. Ed Fogler reported on the Cleveland ANA convention.

Exhibits were made and described by Clifford Bloom, M. K. Carr, Alan Craig, Stanley S. Hawley, Roy Hill, George Hodge, R. G. McArthur,

John E. Ohls, D. L. Rhodes, Arnold Rosing, Don Thrall, and Al Smith. Craig demonstrated the uchigata (Japanese) method of making rubbings. Carr exhibited "Coin Corner" articles written by D. L. Rhodes which appear weekly in the Vallejo newspaper.

Ralph Mitchell auctioned 34 lots. Refreshments were served by Pearl Holm and Erich Werling.

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In the absence of the scheduled speakers, four members gave short talks at the Aug. 13 meeting, which was attended by 48 members and 15 guests.

R. J. Frost spoke on and displayed his collection of trade dollars.

Fred Monteagle described his and his wife's experiences while on vacation in and around Reno, Nev. He told of their visit with Mr. Smith in Harold's Club, and of interesting old ghost towns they visited.

Ed Fogler spoke on so-called half dollars which he said were authorized by Congress for specified purposes. The bills authorizing the medals stipulated the quantity to be minted and the price at which they were to be sold for the first year, he said.

Frank X. Galvin spoke on the grading of coins. He asserted that it is one of the best subjects for starting a good argument, as there is no set standard by which everyone goes. Each coin has its weak spot which helps to determine its condition, Galvin said. A brief discussion of proof coins followed.

Gilbert D. Eaton, president, announced that Art Kagin would be present at the "Coinival", and would exhibit specimens from his reference collection.

President Eaton read a letter from the owner and manager of the Hotel Claremont, inviting the club to hold its regular meetings there. It was voted to change our regular meeting place to the Hotel Claremont, beginning with the October meeting.

An application for membership was received from Lloyd G. Buckingham, 2830 Delaware St., Oakland.

Exhibitors were Ken Allen, Clif-

ford Bloom, Frank X. Galvin, Stanley S. Hawley, Roy Hill, John E. Ohls, Dennis Olswang, D. L. Rhodes, Arnold Rosing, and Don T. Thrall.

Ed Fogler auctioned 39 lots. Refreshments were served by Pearl Holm and Erich Werling.

—Don T. Thrall, Recording Secretary.

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LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB —

The 318th regular meeting was held Sept. 3 at Foresters' Hall, with President W. R. Fanning presiding. Although the meeting occurred on Labor Day weekend, 85 members and guests were present. Messrs. E. A. Boniface, Bud Hohenshelt, D. J. B. Paine, and Albert L. Swope became members.

President Fanning regretfully announced the deaths of Joe Block and William E. Morris since the last meeting. The membership rose to observe a moment of silent tribute to their memory.

The program featured a showing of ANA Slide Set No. 18, "Coins With Special Significance". Mrs. Esther G. Spence operated the projector, the commentary being read by the secretary. Although this club has not taken full advantage of the use of ANA slide sets in the past, the enthusiastic response to this showing assures their inclusion in future programs.

Reports on the ANA convention in Cleveland were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Brainard. Brainard discussed the trend in coin values and cited significant examples. Mrs. Brainard covered the election of ANA officers and the distaff side of convention activities.

Exhibits: W. D. Koonce, Roman coins of the time of Christ and three antique coin scales; Dr. Charles Harbeck, ANA 25-year medal, awarded to him at the Cleveland convention; Mrs. Grace I. Brainard, ANA convention program and related Cleveland newspaper clippings; and San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, plaque for third award, Class B, for participation in National Coin Week.

Following an interval for refreshments and door prize drawing, George Bennett conducted the auction.

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Dr. A. F. Pradeau, a former president of this club, spoke on "Coins and

History of Mexico" at the Aug. 6 meeting. Ninety-three members and guests were present.

Dr. Pradeau, an authority on the monetary history of Mexico, has been awarded a gold medal by the Mexican government for his published work on the subject. He has additional volumes in preparation.

The speaker discussed the history of Mexico and its coinage from the establishment of the first mint in Mexico City in 1536 to the present; through periods of rule by the Spanish and French, and successive revolutionary governments. Dr. Pradeau pointed out that half of the world's silver has been produced by Mexico, and that its monetary system has remained relatively constant throughout its history.

Exhibits: Harold McCabe, 35 Mexican silver coins of various denominations, including several reales; W. D. Koonce, military orders and decorations.

At the conclusion of the meeting, an auction of 115 lots was conducted by George Bennett, auctioneer and former president.

Applications for membership were accepted from W. Wishart MacFarren, Mrs. Paul O. Martin, John W. Munnecke and Harry C. Nichols.

—William H. Spence, Secretary.

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OAKLAND JUNIOR COIN CLUB.

The first meeting of the 1954-55 season was held Sept. 16 at the Oakland Boys Club, 8530 E. 14th St., at 85th Ave., Oakland. A small but eager-for-action group met with Counselors Roy Hill and Ed Fogler.

Garry Bush was elected president; William DeRade, vice-president; Bruce Payne, secretary; and Bruce Cole, treasurer.

Discussions of program ideas, club emblem, meeting date, and participation in the CSNA convention in Berkeley next April were held. Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month.

The program for Oct. 21 will be a travelogue, courtesy Larry Hopkins Jr. of Crabtree's Travel Office, Oakland.

Exhibits were made by James Cunliffe, Bruce Cole, William DeRade, Roy Hill, and Edward Fogler.

All young collectors are invited to

the meetings Nov. 18, Dec 16, and Jan. 20. —Roy Hill, Counselor.

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**ORANGE
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Ninety members and guests were present at the 195th regular monthly meeting in the Woman's Clubhouse, Brea, Sept. 22. Three new members joined the club.

M. H. Bolender, San Marino, spoke on "Early U.S. Silver Dollars", a field in which he is the top authority. He was introduced by Winn Osborne, program chairman.

Bolender told of his long research in preparation of the book which he published recently on the subject. His description of this interesting series of coins, issued 1794-1804, was accompanied by a series of slides showing many of the 183 die varieties listed in his book.

Refreshments and an auction conducted by Joe Steele followed the program.

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The 194th regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Harry Davidson, with an attendance of 84 members and guests. Nine new members, a record, were admitted to the club.

Plans and program for the Riverside CSNA convention were outlined by the secretary.

Secretary Bergen told of visiting the Washington Numismatic Society meeting in Washington, D.C. He found an enthusiastic group in attendance there and enjoyed a fine program by Mr. Peterson of the Smithsonian Institution.

Winn Osborne, program chairman, showed the ANA slides featuring commemorative coins other than half dollars. Winn told the story of these various commemoratives.

Refreshments and auction followed this very instructive lecture.

—Herb Bergen, Secretary.

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Dr. Edward Milligan, Santa Ana, addressed the club July 28 on "Early

American Gold and the Dahlonega Mint". This was an extension of his earlier talk to the club concerning his research on the subject. Seventy-nine members and guests were present.

Authentic records, Dr. Milligan said, are difficult to find and often are obscured. He found that slaves brought to America by the explorer DeSoto taught the Cherokee Indians of Georgia how to refine the gold they found on their land by heating gold-bearing rocks and pouring cold water on them.

Many other interesting facts concerning the discovery of gold at Dahlonega, the establishment of the mint, its operation and final abandonment, were listed by the speaker, who said that he now is prepared to write a history of the Dahlonega Mint for publication.

The program was followed by refreshments and the usual lively auction conducted by genial Joe Steele.

—Winn Osborne, Acting Secretary.

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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, San Francisco. — The

463rd meeting, Sept. 29 at the Palace Hotel, drew 33 members and 11 visitors to hear a most interesting talk on "Coins of the Bible" by Charles V. Kappen of San Jose, a member of the Board of Directors of the California State Numismatic Association, editor of *Calcoin News*, and a past president of the San Jose Coin Club.

Color slides were used to illustrate the speech, as were three trays of Biblical coins displayed by the speaker, and the Biblical Numismatics exhibit of Kurt E. Loret which won first prize at the state convention in San Francisco in April, and which included maps and chronological charts.

Mrs. Harry Cutler displayed coins of the First and Second Revolts and a picture story of the widow's mite. Sidney J. Haas exhibited unusual coins of the Bible Land area, ancient, medieval, and modern. Roy Hill displayed a book published in 1864 in Philadelphia on coins of the Bible and the National Geographic Society map, 1946, of the Bible Lands.

David L. Redfield showed a stater



of Corinth, other coins of ancient Athens, Egypt, Antioch, and two leptons of Judea. Clifford Bloom exhibited a Macedonia gold stater of Alexander the Great.

Other exhibits: Ken P. Allen, U.S. type set and new type holder; Harry Barnhill, souvenir of the U.S. capitol made from destroyed U.S. bills; H. F. Bowker, new issue Okinawa paper money, 5 cents to \$1; Michael K. Carr, scrapbook of "Coin Corner" clippings by D. L. Rhodes which had appeared in the Vallejo newspaper.

Walter Gerth, ancient Roman and Greek coins and an exhibit of ships on coins; A. G. K. Jakobsen, U.S. patterns and proofs; B. N. O'Hea, coins of the Far East, Yemen, Mang, Ahmad, and Madi; Earl A. Parker, Westphalia billion-mark, 1923, and gold of Mexico, Peru and Austria.

John E. Ohls, 1- and 2-real proclamation pieces of Charles IV, Ferdinand VII and Isabella II; Don L. Rhodes, obsolete currency, the Kirtland Safety Society, 1837 \$5 and \$10, signed by Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon; F. C. Powell, coin freaks and U.S. silver dollars; and Paul D. Snedaker, 50-cent silver coins of Europe.

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"The Story of Gold" was the topic of a talk by Ken P. Allen at the Aug. 25 meeting. Thirty-seven members and 14 visitors were present, 22 of whom participated as exhibitors. President L. G. Lodge presided.

Allen reviewed the use of gold as coin from ancient times to the present, and recounted many problems which have beset man in the development of a satisfactory unit or standard for money. He pointed out many items from his exhibit as he went along, and touched briefly on gold as a money standard. His exhibit of U.S. gold coins included many pioneer specimens of private minters. His gold coins of the world ranged from ancient to modern times.

Other exhibitors were Clifford Bloom, complete set of Hungarian 100-korona gold coins, 1907-08; Dr. N. A. Bowers, gold hecta of Agri-gentum, 415-406 B.C.; Michael K. Carr, U.S. proofs; Alan D. Craig, coins of Korea, gilt copper patterns of 1886 and gold coins of 1910; Walter G. Gerth, U.S. Service medals; Roy Hill, Finland 100- and 200-

markka gold coins of 1926 and Finland street car tokens.

F. E. Howard, "Funnies and Phonics" in coins; Charles V. Kappen, a personally written and signed letter by the late King George V, on Windsor Castle stationery, welcoming U.S. troops to English soil during World War I, and arrow point money of the Chow dynasty, China, circa 750 B.C.; L. G. Lodge, Lincoln cents and California Diamond Jubilee commemorative half dollars.

Kurt E. Loret, Donald Duck comic strip from *San Francisco Examiner*, Aug. 8, concluding with "I am a numismatist, please help me!" and "The Pony Express" newspaper for July which honored 90 years of the Bank of California N. A.; B. M. O'Hea, Colombia doubloon and gold coins of Austria, Albania and Roumania; John E. Ohls, 100-franka ari of Albania, 1938, commemorating the marriage of King Zog.

F. C. Powell, U.S. Carson City Mint silver dollars; Earl A. Parker, complete set U.S. gold, 1850; Robert C. Patterson, U.S. gold type set in proof; David L. Redfield, gold coins of Nepal, Austria and U.S.; Don L. Rhodes, English tokens; Arnold Ros-ing, Syrian gold coins; Nicholas A. Slobodchikoff, two books printed in Russian, 1746 and 1737, from which he translated; and Paul D. Snedaker, 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition gold dollar.

Earl Parker conducted an auction.

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The Society's 461st meeting July 28 had a "vacation season" attendance of 22 members and eight visitors and was highlighted by a talk on "Foreign Commemorative Coins" by our vice-president and program director, John E. Ohls.

Ohls showed the kinds of commemoratives, types of metals used, variety of subject matter, and reasons back of some of them, all of which make it an interesting field and a challenge to collect.

Exhibits were made and described by Dr. Nathan A. Bowers, Michael K. Carr, Walter G. Gerth, Roy Hill, Lesley G. Lodge, Kurt E. Loret, Bernard M. O'Hea, John E. Ohls, Earl A. Parker, F. C. Powell, David L. Redfield, and Erich Werling.

Gerth exhibited a paper, which he read, on ships in numismatics. This is in preparation for the coming cen-

ennial of Mare Island Navy Yard.

Meetings of the Society are open to any visiting coin collectors at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on the last Wednesday of each month.

—Roy Hill, Recording Secretary.

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PETALUMA COIN COLLECTORS. — Aug. 9 marked the eighth regular monthly meeting of the Petaluma Coin Collectors. President Levon Hagapian presided over the meeting, which was attended by 19 members and seven guests.

Following the introduction of guests, the president thanked all members for helping with the coin display which the club made at the Sonoma-Marin Fourth District Fair, held at Kenilworth Park in Petaluma July 29 - Aug. 1.

Earl A. Parker, who was vacationing in Rio-Nido, motored down to be auctioneer for the evening. Coin trading among the members also was enjoyed. Next meeting will be held Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m., at Petaluma Yacht Clubhouse.

—Dorothy Lumsden,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB.

Forty members and guests attended the 75th regular meeting Sept. 16 at the Legion Hall, 631 "G" St., San Bernardino. Three new members, Eugene Johnston, Ed Fish, and Lester Mensinger, were welcomed into the club.

President John Yribarne presented certificates of award to members who had participated in National Coin Week.

Dr. Calvert L. Emmons urged everyone to attend the Riverside CSNA convention. President Yribarne asked that all buy tickets to help the Orange County Coin Club to defray convention expenses.

Lloyd Blue invited members to attend the eighth annual Gem and Mineral Show Sept. 25-26 in the Industrial Building at the National Orange Show grounds.

Exhibits: Eugene Johnston, three-legged buffalo nickels, gold coins, including 1795 \$5 and \$10 gold pieces, and Mexican gold piece bearing Aztec calendar; Herb Feinberg, 1954S

cents, larger and thinner than usual; Opie Arnold, display including 1804 cent; and Charles Colver, miscellaneous coins.

Mrs. Snyder won a Mexican 5-peso commemorative coin for detecting the flaws in Feinberg's 1954 cents.

Fred Coops, in response to the club's invitation, set up a bourse table.

Bryan Burke announced that ANA slides would be shown at the October meeting and that Herb Bergen would be speaker in November.

Yribarne, Mrs. Snyder and LaChance volunteered to serve refreshments at the October meeting.

Herb Feinberg conducted the auction, after which members toured the Sun Co. plant, which was celebrating its 60th anniversary. Messrs. Lages and Basse conducted the tour. President Yribarne instructed the secretary to write James Guthrie, Sun Co. president, a letter of appreciation.

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Color slides, taken at the club's picnic, were shown at the Aug. 19 meeting. Bryan Burke operated the projector. Charles Colver was narrator. Thirty members and guests were present.

Two new members, Bernard Joseph and Jerry Levin, were welcomed into the club.

A new idea for roll call was used. Each member arose to give his or her name. Eight members paid the 25-cent fine for failing to wear club badges.

President John Yribarne announced that one of our members, L. L. Brown, was in the Community Hospital in Riverside. He also disclosed that a charter member, Donovan Brownfield, had died.

Andy Verbance donated an electric lamp to the club to be used for lighting displays.

A formal presentation of the trophy won by Mrs. L. L. Brown at the August picnic was made by Burke.

Herb Feinberg conducted the auction.

The San Bernardino County Coin Club meets the third Thursday of each month at the Legion Hall, 631 "G" St., San Bernardino. Fred W. Coops, 524 Fourth St., San Bernardino, is secretary.

—Mrs. Ernest C. Kessler,
Recording Secretary.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. — Vice-president James J. Andersen presided at the 208th meeting Sept. 13 in the YMCA auditorium. There were 43 members and guests present.

Ernest J. Osburn, Douglas E. Decker, Frank Dernbach and Z. H. McAnear were welcomed into the Society as new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonel C. Panosh reported on the ANA convention in Cleveland. In his capacity as first vice-president of the national organization, Panosh presented Thomas W. Ward a certificate of Honorable Mention in the Heath Literary Awards for 1953. He also presented to the Society a certificate and plaque for winning second place in National Coin Week competition.

Andersen introduced the speaker, our own Lt. Walter C. Luttmr, who gave an interesting talk on Iceland, its people, land, and coinage system. Lt. Luttmr related personal experiences that he had when he visited the country, courtesy of the U.S. Navy.

Lyle L. Gordon had an interesting display of Chinese knife money.

—Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB. — Thirty members and guests assembled at the DeAnza Hotel Oct. 4 to hear George Kohl's talk on "Coins of the United States".

Vincent Guarnera, treasurer, reported on the club's Santa Clara County Fair exhibit booth.

It was voted that the central theme of a club seal would be California's first capitol building, which was located in San Jose. A replica of the old statehouse now stands in the county fairgrounds.

President Warburton appointed a nominations committee composed of George Kohl, chairman, Vincent Guarnera and Charles V. Kappen.

It was voted to invite the CSNA to San Jose for its Spring, 1956, convention.

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The San Jose Coin Club exhibit at the Santa Clara County Fair Sept. 13-19 attracted much interest and received much praise from the visiting public as well as commendation from County Fair officials.

The display booth was located in the General Exhibits tent. Walls of the booth were decorated in blue

and red, and bore several posters and plaques describing coins. Sides of display tables also were decorated with red, white and blue bunting.

There were eight large table display cases, two large floor show cases, and eight frames for currency. These were filled with a comprehensive assortment of world-wide coinage and currency, both ancient and modern, from the collections of 14 club members.

Exhibits: Rudy Gjurovich, wide variety of U.S. and foreign gold and silver coins and eight frames of currency, Colonial times to present; Vincent Guarnera, series of silver and copper coins of Italian States and foreign commemorative medals and medallions; Roy Hill, California transportation tokens, coins of Finland and Hawaii, and historical literature of the San Francisco Mint.

George Hodges, Biblical coins; Mrs. George Kohl, U.S. coins, medals, and tokens; George Kohl, books and pamphlets pertaining to numismatics; Prof. Charles V. Kappen, ancient odd money of the Far East, in copper, bronze, porcelain, jade, and shell; Miss Beverly Gayle Smith, three types of crowns of Queen Victoria of Great Britain, mounted in a silver heart-shaped frame on easel, and a silver mesh purse, scent bottle and hairpin of the period.

Austen D. Warburton, Roman coins; Tom Boyce, "Coinerama", comprising a collection of world-wide coins, each with its respective flag hand-drawn in color; Tony Delmonico, Buffalo and Jefferson nickels; Charles Gilbert Kappen, complete collection Buffalo nickels; Richard Reynolds, zoology on coins, a series depicting animals and birds; and William L. Scarbrough, Lincoln cents and Mercury dimes.

This was our seventh consecutive year of display at the Santa Clara County Fair.

—Vincent Guarnera, Treasurer.

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Speaker at the Sept. 6 meeting was President Austen Warburton, who made an interesting talk, accompanied by color slides, of his recent archeological trip to Utah.

Exhibits and brief talks on their displays were made by Tony Delmonico, a complete set of Buffalo nickels; George Hodges, ancient coins of Greece and Rome.

The East Bay Coin Club "Coinival"

was discussed. Self-introduction of guests followed. The librarian-historian reported on new publications. Plans for the County Fair were discussed. Fifteen members and guests were present.

—William R. Weber, Secretary.

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Prof. Oleg Maslenkov of the University of California was guest speaker at the Aug. 2 meeting. His subject was "Coinage of Russia". He said barter and Arabic coins were used prior to the 14th century and that coinage was begun after the 14th century, with the first ruble appearing in 1704.

Professor Maslenkov displayed an excellent selection from his collection of Russian coins, from all periods of that country's coinage. Questions were answered following the talk.

Vice-president George Hodges welcomed 17 members and guests to the meeting. Many members were on vacation. An auction of 11 lots was held.

—Syl Tully, Acting Secretary.

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VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. — The Vallejo Numismatic Society, founded April 23, 1954, has a membership of 28. Officers for the first year are Donald L. Rhodes, P.O. Box 1111, Vallejo, president; Walter G. Gerth, 1022 Thelma Ave., Vallejo, vice-president; and Hawley E. Rich, 154 Luna Dr., Vallejo, secretary-treasurer.

The executive board is composed of Rhodes, Gerth, Rich, Michael K. Carr and F. W. Cummings.

The club meets on the last Friday of each month at the Armed Services YMCA, 307 Santa Clara St., Vallejo.

At the July 30 meeting, John E. Ohls, charter member of our Society and PCNS vice-president, spoke on "Commemorative Coins of the World".

Members and guests exhibited commemorative coins of the U.S. and other countries. Outstanding was an exhibit of the complete gold commemorative coinage of the U.S., the property of Odell Johnson's Green Door Museum in Crockett. Included was the Panama-Pacific Exposition set of 1915.

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Discussions of "Why I Collect Coins" and "When and How I Started Collecting Coins" comprised the program for the June 25 meeting.

Everyone participated and the talks given by Dr. J. C. Conner, Earl Parker and Ralph Mitchell were especially well received. It seemed that practically everyone started collecting by saving coins from his pocket change.

Exhibits were made by Vern M. Cleeton, Dr. J. C. Conner, R. J. Dentel, Gerald Perry, Maxine Hopperstad, Roy Hill, E. A. Parker, Ralph Mitchell, Robert Kindig, Walter Gerth, and Donald Rhodes.

Application for membership was received from Ralph Mitchell, 846 Warren Way, Palo Alto.

The VNS issued its first mimeographed "Official Bulletin", consisting of two pages, in July.

—Donald L. Rhodes, President.



Mosher Retires; Bradfield Edits The Numismatist

Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, American Numismatic Assn. president, has announced the appointment of Stuart Mosher, Washington, D.C., to the honorary post of editor emeritus, and of Elston G. Bradfield, Chicago, Ill., to that of editor of **The Numismatist**.

Mosher was editor of **The Numismatist** for nearly 10 years, and retired because of ill health. Bradfield, editorial staff member of **The Chicago Tribune**, became assistant editor last January.



Foreign Commemoratives

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orum" meaning "of the Tyrians".

These pieces I have mentioned are but a few of the really interesting commemorative coins. There are gold mines of intriguing historical stories for the person who will do a little digging. They also lend themselves in innumerable ways to subjects for display, study or discussion.

In closing, I think it entirely appropriate to describe these pieces in the accepted Hollywood style . . . they are: Wonderfully conceived, cleverly designed, artfully struck, equally distributed, eagerly studied, joyfully owned, and proudly displayed.